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		First Named Inventor	Walder, Andreas
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
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1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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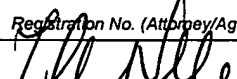
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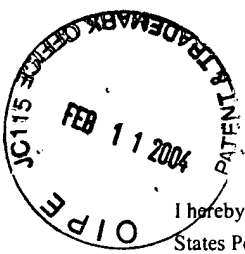
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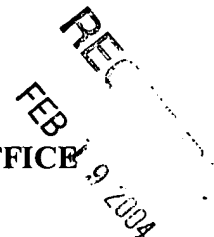
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In re application of:

ANDREAS WALDER

Application No. 09/082,309

Filed: May 20, 1998

For: METHOD FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF EXPANDABLE  
PLASTICS GRANULATE

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 2544

Examiner: Stefan Staicovici

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1732

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
February 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time from January 23, 2003 to February 23, 2003 and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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